MINUTES

——OF THE——

PINE BARREN

BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH

ACKERVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH, WILCOX CO., ALA.

September 17th and 19th, 1887.

1887

OFFICERS

D. W. DAWSEY, MODERATOR .. .. Pine
JOHN PURIFOY, CLERK .... Sn
JNO. W. PURIFOY, TREASURER ....

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Butler County, Ala., Wednesday the 12th

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The Thirty-Eighth Annual Session, of the Pine Barren Baptist Association, convened with the Ackerville Baptist Church, Wilcox county, Alabama, Saturday, September the 17th 1887.

After religious services, consisting of singing and prayer, conducted by Bro. B. J. Skinner, the Association was called to order by Rev. W. G. Curry, former Moderator. Brethren B. F. Riley, R. M. Hunter and J. F. Lee were appointed a Committee, and read the letters from the various churches from which were enrolled delegates names as follows, to-wit:

First District.

New Providence—R A Newell.
Camden—R C Jones and J N Holcombe.
Enon—A P. Majors, J. F. Burson, J. E. Burson and T D Majors.
Bethsaida—W. G. Curry, C. C. Jones. J. B. Robbins, B. W. Watson, J. W. Purifoy and John Purifoy.
Rock West—S. C. Cook.
Gravel Creek—W. C. Vaughn.

Second District.

Bear Creek—D. J. Philpot, L. Y. Saddler and J. I. Defee.
Mt. Pleasant—J. B. Coleman and Geo. Ingram.
Allenton—J. B. McWilliams and J. F. Lee.
Friendship—C. Powell, W. J. Melton, W. M. Watts, D. W. Ramse Preston Williams and Jno. F. Fore.
Fellowship—C. J. Knight.
Liberty—S F Jones, J D Saulter and J A Bord
Monterey—J G Little and T A Knight.
Pine Level—H P Watts and B L Pearce.
Butler Springs—A T Sims.
Gilgal—Not represented.

Third District.

Shaikelville—B F Saucer and C E Burket.
Ebenezer—S T Glenn and W H Watt.
Mt. Pisgah—J R E Sellers and J R Stinson.
Indian Springs—J H Fore, W L Fort and C J. Grimes.
Flat Creek—S H Packer.
Pineville—S D Andress, R I Riley and W G Andress.
New Hope—W R Maxwell and H O'Gwyn.
Concord—W G Johnson.

Corinth—Not represented.
Centeniel—A J Morris and W W Ikener.
New Bethlehem—Not represented.
Bethel—Not represented.
Bell's Landing—P J Cree.

The Association proceeded to the election of officers.

Brethren B. J. Skinner and J. N. Holcombe were appointed tellers. Brother W. G. Curry, former Moderator, declined a re-election. Brother D. W. Ramsey, Pine Apple, Ala., was elected Moderator. John Purifoy, Snow Hill, Ala., Clerk, and J. W. Purifoy, Furman Ala., Treasurer.

The following Brethren, to-wit: W. G. Curry, A. P. Majors and R. C. Jones and the deacons of Ackerville church, were appointed a committee on religious exercises during the session. Brother C. C. Jones, stated that it was the desire of the church at Furman, that brethren be assigned to that church to preach on Sabbath morning and evening.

The committee to report on Sabbath Schools, appointed at the last session not being present, the following brethren to-wit: S. C. Cook, E. K. Robbins and C. C. Jones were appointed to prepare and submit a report during the session.

Representatives from corresponding bodies were recognized and welcomed to seats in the Association, as follows, to-wit:

Judson Female Institute—President S. W. Averett.

Home Mission Board—B. F. Riley, D. D.

State Mission Board—W. B. Crumpton.

Bethlehem Association—B. J. Skinner.

Alabama Baptist—F. G. Caffee and J. E. McClerkin.

Selma Association—J. M. McIver, H. Shell and U. J. Crumpton.

Howard College—Prof. B. F. Giles.

The following brethren were appointed as representatives to other bodies, as follows, to-wit:

Baptist State Convention—W. G. Curry, R. M. Hunter, J. W. Purifoy, F. G. Caffee, J. E. McClerkin, D. J. McWilliams, A. T. Sims, R. C. Jones, D. W. Ramsey and C. C. Jones.

Bethlehem Association—W. G. Curry.

South Bethel Association—S. C. Cook, R. M. Hunter and J. J. Hawthorne.

Zion Association—A. T. Sims, D. W. Ramsey and W. G. Curry.

Alabama Association—John Purifoy.

Selma Association—W. G. Curry.

Brother J. W. Purifoy, Treasurer, submitted his report for the past Associational year, which was referred to the Finance Committee.

The Association took a recess for one hour and a half.

After the recess the delegates assembled in the house and the following proceedings were had.

The Moderator appointed the following committee to report during the session, to-wit:

On Finance—J. N. Holcombe, J. F. Burson and C. J. Knight.

On Queries, Requests and Nominations—R. A. Newell, W. C. Vaughn and L. Y. Saddler.

State of Religion and Digest of Letters—J. F. Lee, W. J. Melton and W. R. Maxwell.

Brother A. P. Majors of the committee to report on Foreign Missions made report as follows, to-wit:

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

This cause is one that has been much talked of, and a great work has been done, but there is much yet to be done.

When we look abroad upon the world, and see the dark clouds of ignorance and sin that rest on almost every land, we should exclaim, "How little have we done to christianize the heathen." See them as they sit in their hovels, the abodes of every species of physical and moral wretchedness, yea without Christ and no hope of heaven. May the conviction be fastened on every child of God with a power that cannot be shaken off, a weight scarcely to be borne, knowing that there are precious and immortal souls that must be forever lost unless saved by missionary effort.

See devout men and women who leave their homes and friends and go among enemies to break the break of Eternal life. If we cannot go, let us help others who can go.

The cause of Jesus and the love of precious souls impel these devout men and women to the discharge of this christian duty. By these they are supported and comforted when difficulties crowd their pathway. The love of souls outweighs the world, and God has said, "Woe unto them that are at ease in Zion." How little have we done for Christ, who has made such a sacrifice for us. God has promised to bless the cheerful giver. If actions

speak louder than words, how many doubt God's word. Every missionary we send out opens up the way for many more. What glorious news we hear of their work, of how the truth is spreading. This should stir the spirit of missions in every heart and home.

The Foreign Mission Board is pressing this interest. We have missionaries in Africa, Italy, China, Brazil and Mexico. We have 116 missionaries, native and foreign, yet in China there are 1500 provinces without a missionary. Think of it, eight hundred and fifty-six millions of immortal souls, groping in the dark and going to destruction for the want of the gospel, yet many who claim to be salt of the earth never sow a grain.

The Baptist Denomination of Alabama boast of a membership of 90,000 and 1400 churches, and blush to tell how little they do. The Pine Barron Association boasts of twenty-nine church organizations with a membership of over 1,700, yet our colors often trail in the dust when it comes to missions.

Shall we go on in sin and expect grace to abound, God forbid!

There are 75,000 ministers in the United States and if its population was equally divided among them, each would have about 600 souls to preach to, while in foreign lands there are a half million to each missionary. Lord give us willing hearts and ready hands to work while it is day.

Respectfully submitted,

A. P. MAJORS, Chairman.

The importance of liberal contributions for this work was forcibly impressed by brethren W. B. Crumpton and C. C. Jones. Adopted.

The report on State Missions was read by Brother R. M. Hunter as follows, to-wit.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

State Missions have not decreased, but rather have increased in interest during the past year. But the funds raised to advance this great and important work have been shamefully small. It is true this has been an unusually hard year on all the interests which we foster. But brethren, I think more could have been done in behalf ot State Missions. We have no new plan to suggest, but this we would urge, a hearty cooperation with our Corresponding Secretary in all his efforts to advance the cause of Christ in our rapidly growing state. A great responsibility rests on the Baptist of Alabama. Brethren, the field is white unto the harvest, shall we reap it or shall we wait for another denomination to do so? Let us be up and at work.

R. M. HUNTER.

Pending the consideration of this report Brother J. E. McClerkin, missionary, employed to work in the bounds of the Pine Barron Association made report as follows to-wit.

Report of J. E. McClerkin, Missionary:

REPORT.

Entered the work June 15th, 1887; served 105 days; traveled 854 miles; delivered 102 sermons; made 56 addresses; baptized by others in connection with my labors, 86; received by letter, 11; restored, 6; sunday schools organized, 3; sunday schools addressed, 8; ladies' missionary societies or-

ganized, 2; regular preaching stations without churches, 2; visits to preaching stations, 4; churches visited, 23; religious visits to families and persons, 200; subscribers to the ALABAMA BAPTIST secured, 20. to Foreign Mission Journal, 3.

The subject was discussed by Brethren R. M. Hunter, W. B. Crumpton, R. C. Jones, C. C. Jones, A. T. Sims and J. F. Fore. Adopted.

Brother W. G. Curry, from the Committee on Religious Exercises during the session, reported as follows, to-wit:

Sabbath school addresses to be delivered Sunday morning by brethren A. T. Sims, J. E. McClerkin and others; Brother W. B. Crumpton to preach at the arbor at 11 a. m., Sunday; Brother B. J. Skinner at 2 p. m.; Brother B. F. Riley to preach at 11 a. m., at Furman; Brother W. B. Crumpton at the same place at night.

Report on Denominational Education was read by Brother A. T. Sims, as follows, to-wit:

REPORT ON DENOMINATIONAL EDUCATION.

It is a matter of profound gratitude to the committee, to be able to report a decided progress in the course of Denominational Education. No longer can it be said concerning the Baptist denomination that it is backward in the matter of education. The ripe scholarship of many of its leading spirits, and the multiplication of its institutions of learning fully show the position of Baptists in the matter of education. While these institutions exist in all the States, our attention is more directly engaged with the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville, Kentucky, Howard College and the Judson Female Institute. The Seminary, the standard of which is the highest of all the seminaries on the continent, has continued to improve and advance, since its removal to Louisville.

Through the liberality of Northern brethren, in large part, magnificent buildings will soon be completed for our Seminary, and it will be handsomely equipped for the work of training our young ministers. Last year was one of grand success, and this year is full of promise to the Seminary.

Howard College, so long located at Marion, and fostered for many years by the denomination, has been removed to East Lake, near Birmingham. The site is described by the committee charged with the work of selecting a location, as admirably suited to such an institution, by reason of the wholesome atmosphere, the salubrious climate, the plentitude and purity of the waters, and a magnificent endowment. It is soon to begin a new career, in a new field, and the outlook of the college is cheering.

Judson Female Institute, sustained for so long a period by the Baptist denomination, still holds on its successful career. Last year was quite a successful one. Dr. Robert Frazer, for several years the President of the college, has resigned, and in bis stead Dr. S. W. Averett has been elected. He comes to Alabama bearing the enthusiastic commendations of distinguished leaders in the denomination in the South.

Such is a brief review of the institutions with which we are most intimately connected. A. T. SIMS, Chairman.

Dr. S. W. Averett, President of the Judson Female Institute, discussed the subject.

Further consideration was postponed until Monday morning.

Adjourned until 9 o'clock Monday morning.

The annual sermon was preached by Brother R. M. Hunter on Saturday night.

MONDAY MORNING, September 19.

The Association convened as per adjournment, at 9 o'clock a. m.

After singing and prayer by Brother J. E. McClerkin, the roll of delegates was corrected.

The question before the Association being Denominational Education, it was taken up and discussed by Brethern B. F. Riley and B. F. Giles, and the report adopted.

The report on Ministerial Education was read by Brother D. W. Ramsey, as follows, to-wit:

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

This Association has made a very good record in this department of work. Going back no farther than fifteen years, we find that liberal contributions have annually been made for Ministerial Education; several of the beneficiaries have taken high position in the ministry.

In view of the increased facilities now offered, and the great importance and necessity of an educated ministry, we commend the subject to the generous support and hearty endorsement of the members of this body.

For three years past, Brother J. E. McClerkin has been the beneficiary of this Association. For the last three months he has been in the employ of the State Mission Board. We again recommend him to your favorable consideration.

At the meeting of the Association in 1879, a resolution was passed requiring all monies for Ministerial Education to be paid to the Treasurer, and that he should takes notes, without interest, from all beneficiaries receiving aid from him. At the meeting, 1883, this resolution was repealed.

We recommend a return to this system. By perusing this plan and collecting the notes as the brethren could conveniently pay them, we would soon have in hand a sum sufficient for all demands, without calling on the churches for annual contributions, thereby increasing our donations to Missions, and other enterprises.

Under the resolution above mentioned, two brethren received from the Treasurer aid, amounting to more than $400. (See Treasurer's report.)

We recommend that the Treasurer be instructed to collect these notes during the next associational year, if the brethren can conveniently pay them.

Respecifully submitted,

D. W. RAMSEY, Chairman.

Interesting and instructive talks were made by Brethren B. F. Riley, D. W. Ramsey, C. C. Jones, W. G. Curry and A. T. Sims. Adopted.

The following resolution was offered by Brother R. C. Jones and adopted, to-wit:

Resolved, That the Executive Committee of this Association shall examine applicants for the funds raised for Ministerial Education, and communicate with their respective churches in reference to their qualifications for the ministry, and loan such funds equitably, taking notes without interest, payable to the Association, when the makers of the notes are able to do so.

The standing committees to report at the next session were appointed by the Moderator, to-wit:

State Missions—C. C. Jones, G. W. Stuart and H. P. Watts.

Home Missions—J. B. Coleman, W. M. Watts and J. G. Little.

Foreign Missions—R. C. Jones, S. H. Packer and J. E. Burson.

Sabbath Schools—John Purifoy, J. F. Fore and W. L. Fort.

Ministerial Education—S. C. Cook, H. O'Gwyn and W. G. Johnson.

Denominational Education—W. G. Andress, C. L. Grimes and T. A. Knight.

Denominational Literature—J. E. McClerkin, D. J. Philpot and P. Williams.

Brother R. C. Jones offered the following as an additional rule of order, to-wit:

If any member of the Association leaves before the adjournment of the body, his name shall not appear in the list of delegates, unless he shall first obtain leave of absence from the Association. Adopted.

On motion of Bro. J. B. Robbins the following brethren were appointed a committee on appointment, to-wit: J. B. Robbins, S. D. Andress, C. Powell, C. E. Breithaupt, J. A. Bond.

Bro. J. B. McWilliams made a report on Home Missions as follows:

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

As a denomination, we should be thankful to God for the continued prosperity of Home Missions. It was under the fostering care of the Home Mission Board that many of our present strong churches were built up. As an evidence of the prosperity of this board, we note the appointment, some montns since, of Dr. J. W. Jones, as Assistant Secretary. The mission on the poorest ridden island of Cuba is being prosecuted with vigor; new churches and converts are being reported from time to time. New Orleans, Texas and other places still receive the aid of this board.

Home Missions, like other enterprises fostered by our denomination, are crippled for the want of means to carry it on more successfully, Brethren, pray more and give more for this purpose. While both of these duties are incumbent upon us, yet more is said in the New Testament about giving than praying, God forbid, that by parsimonius spirit, we should hinder responding to the Macedonian cry, "come over and help us."

In conclusion, we suggest, where it is not done that all funds for Home Missions be forwarded through the State Mission Board. We think there would be less friction and confusion if forwarded in this manner.

J. B. McWILLIAMS,
Chairman.

Pending the consideration of which, the Association took a recess of one hour.

At the appointed hour the body reassembled when the importance of Home Missions was forcibly impressed by speeches from Brethren B. F. Riley and C. C. Jones.

During the consideration of this question, a cash collection for the education of colored ministers was taken up which amounted to $13.85. Report adopted.

The report on Sabbath Schools was read by Bro. S. C. Cook, to-wit:

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Your committee make the following report as gathered from the church letters:

Number of Sunday Schools reported, 15; number of pupils, 505; number of teachers, 64; thus showing no increase in the number of Sunday Schools over last year, with an increase of twenty-two teachers and eighty-four pupils.

While we have nothing particularly discouraging in the above report, we realize the demand for prompt and energetic action on the part of every christian in our Associational bounds in sustaining, by his prayers, his time and his influence, a live and progressive Sunday School in the church of which he is a member. We believe that the Sabbath School is a potent factor in moralizing and christianizing the world. It is the source from which the church must and will gather many of its purest and best christians. We should look well to the moral culture of our children around our own hearth-stones, and should not think and feel that because our children are members of the Sabbath School, that it lessens our responsibility, or in any degree releases us from the command to train them up in the way they should go.

We would respectfully, though earnestly, recommend to the pastors of the churches in this Association, and to the Superintendents of the Sunday Schools that they strive to get the entire membership of their churches into the Sabbath Schools.

Respectfully submitted,

S. C. Cook,
C. C. Jones,
E. K. Robbins,
Committee.

Discussed by brethren S. C. Cook, C. C. Jones, B. F. Giles and B. F. Riley. Adopted.

Brother P. J. Cree, for the Committee on Denominational Literature, reported as follows:

REPORT ON DENOMINATIONAL LITERATURE.

Your Committee on Denominational Literature feel that it is of great importance that all our people read the Alabama Baptist. We can not know what we are effecting in our State without this valuable paper.

The Foreign Mission Journal should be in every family.

For our Sunday schools nothing is equal to the publication of the Home Mission Board at Atlanta, Georgia, Kind Words and the literature of the American Baptist Publication Society.

We are pleased to report that the State Mission Board has established at Marion, Ala., a Baptist book depository. We urge upon our people to purchase their bibles, hymn books, and other books, and all Sunday school supplies, from Brother W. B. Crumpton, Secretary of the State Mission Board. All profits from the business go into the treasury of the colportage work.

Respectfully submitted,

P. J. Cree, Chairman.

Discussed by Brethren McClerkin and Riley. Adopted.

The following pledges for ministerial education was made, to-wit:

New Providence	$ 5 00
Rock West	5 00
Camden	10 00
Ackerville	5 00
Bethesaida	20 00
Allenton	5 00
Mt. Pleasant	2 50
Friendship	10 00
Indian Springs	3 00
Flat Creek	2 00
Pineville	5 00
Concord	10 00
New Hope	2 00
Bell's Landing	2 00
J. E. Burson	1 00
C. J. Knight	2 50
T. A. Knight	2 00
D. J. Philpot	1 00
Total	$93 00

Report on Apportionment was made by Brother J. B. Robbins, to-wit:

We, the Committee on Apportionment, beg leave to report that we have apportioned to the different churches amounts as follows, to-wit:

Allenton	$ 30 00
Bethaida	110 00
Butler Springs	10 00
Bell's Landing	5 00
Camden	25 00
Corinth	5 00
Enon	5 00
Fellowship	7 00
Gravel Creek	5 00
Liberty	5 00
Mt. Pleasant	15 00
New Hope	10 00
New Providence	15 00
Pine Level	10 00
Shaikelville	10 00
Ackerville	25 00
Bear Creek	15 00
Bethel	5 00
Concord	30 00
Centennial	10 00
Ebenezer	30 00
Flat Creek	15 00
Friendship	75 00
Indian Springs	10 00
Monterey	20 00
Mt. Pisgah	10 00
New Bethlehem	5 00
Pineville	15 00
Rock West	30 00
Total	$562 00

J. B. Robbins,
C. Powell,
J. A. Bond,
S. D. Andress.
C. E. Breithaupt,
Committee.

Adopted.

The Committee on Queries, Requests and Nominations, through Brother R. A. Newell, reported to-wit:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON QUERIES, REQUESTS AND NOMINATIONS.

Your committee would report that there is but one request before this body, that from the church at Bell's Landing. They request aid from the Association to build a house of worship. We recommend that aid be extended them.

We recommend that the next session of the Association be held with th Monterey church.

We nominate as Executive Committee for the next associational year, Rev. W. G. Curry, Rev. D. W. Ramsey, J. B. Robbins, W. J. Melton and C. C. Jones.

We nominate Rev. W. G. Curry to preach the next annual sermon.

R. A. Newell, Chairman.

Pending the consideration of this report, a cash collection to aid the church at Bell's Landing in constructing a house of worship, was taken up, and $10.85 collected and turned over to Brother P. J. Cree for that purpose.

For the same purpose the following amounts were pledged to be paid, to-wit:

Enon	$ 4 00
Ackerville	2 50
Friendship	5 00
Indian Springs	1 00
Total	$12 50

Report adopted.

Brother J. F. Lee for the Committee on State of Religion and Digest of Letters reported as follows, to-wit:

REPORT ON STATE OF RELIGION AND DIGEST OF LETTERS.

During the associational year there has been a great outpouring of the Spirit of God upon many of our churches, in some of which there have been large accessions. Several of the churches seem to be on a standstill, and a few, we fear, are retrograding. While the spiritual condition of our churches is not what it might be, or what it would be, were they alive to duty, yet on the whole, we think the outlook is cheering, and we should thank God, take courage, and attempt greater things for the Master.

After examining the letters, find that there have been during the year baptized, 144; received by letter, 49; restored, 20; dismissed by letter, 90; excluded, 17; dead, 19; total membership, 1916; prayer meetings reported, 5; Sunday schools reported, 15; Sunday school pupils reported, 505; Sunday school teachers reported, 64; young men's prayer meetings reported, 2; young ladies' prayer meetings reported, 1; children and young people's missionary societies reported, 3; churches not represented, 4; pastorless churches reported, 2; two new churches have been organized and received into this body during the year.

The following are the net results: Increase in membership, 203; increase in prayer meetings, 5; Sunday schools, same as last report; increase in teachers, 22; increase in pupils, 84; increase in children and young people's missionary societies, 3; there have been a decrease in baptisms of 36; an increase of receptions by letter of 5; an increase of restorations of 7; an increase of dismissals by letter of 43; a decrease of exclusions of 12; dead same as last report.

Respectfully submitted,

J. F. Lee,
W. J. Melton,
W. R. Maxwell,
Committee.

Adopted.

Brother J. N. Holcomb made a report for the Committee on Finance, which was adopted. (See Finance report.)

The same committee reported the Treasurer's report for the past associational year, as correct, which was concurred in.

On motion of Brother J. B. Robbins, the time of meeting of the next session of the Association was changed from Saturday before the third Sunday of September, to Wednesday before the third Sunday in September, 1888.

The following was offered by Brother Sam C. Cook, to-wit:

Resolved, That the kindest thanks of this Association be tendered to the good people of Ackerville for the hospitable and kind manner in which this Association has been entertained and supported by them.

Unanimously and heartily concurred in.

Gilgal, Corinth and New Bethlehem churches having failed to be represented by letter or delegate for two or more successive sessions the following brethren were appointed committees to investigate their several conditions, and report at our next session, to-wit:

Gilgal—J. F. Lee.

Corinth—P. J. Cree.

New Bethlehem—J. A. Bond.

On motion, it was ordered that the cash collection of $50, for missions taken up on Sunday should be divided as follows, to-wit:

To State Missions	$30 00
" Home Missions	10 00
" Foreign Missions	10 00

On motion of Brother J. B. Robbins, the clerk was instructed to have the usual number of copies of the minutes printed and distributed to the various churches in proportion to the amount contributed by each for such purpose.

On motion of Brother J. F. Fore, the clerk was also instructed to have the articles of Faith, Rules of Order and Constitution of the Association published with the minutes, if the funds are sufficient.

A cash collection amounting to $5 20 was taken up, to aid

in paying for the additional expense of the above printing.

After prayer by Brother B. F. Giles, and giving the parting hand, the Association adjourned to meet with the Montery church, Butler county, Ala., on Wednesday before the third Sunday of September, 1888.

D. W. RAMSEY, Moderator.

JOHN PURIFOY, Clerk.

TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT.

1886. In Aaccount with Pine Barren Association :

Sept. 18.	To cash from Finance Committee for Minutes	$ 36 55
	" " " " " Minist'l Education	34 55
	" " " " " State Missions....	54 45
	" " " " " Home Missions..	50 70
	" " " " " Foreign Mission..	61 90
	" " " " " Indigent Ministers	7 00
	" " " " " Evang. Col. race.	2 00
	" " " " " Key West Church	1 00
	" " " " " Missions.....	17 00
	Total amount of cash	$ 265 20
	Total amount of vouchers.....	344 80
	Total amount of cash and vouchers received.....	$ 610 00
	To five notes of beneficiaries.....	413 75
	Total amount in hand.....	$1023 75

1886. CREDIT.

Sept. 18.—By cash paid John Purifoy for Minutes.....$	36 55		
" 24 " " " G. W. Ellis, Treas. B'rd Min. ed	34 55		
" 28 " " " W. B. Crumpton, Cor. Sec'y & Treas. of S. M. B.....	194 10		
By vouchers in hand.....	344 80		
By five notes of beneficiaries in hand.....	413 75		
		$1023 75	$1023 75

All of which is respectfully submitted,

J W. PURIFOY.
Treas. of P. B. Association.

CONSTITUTION OF THE PINE BARREN ASSOCIATION.

ARTICLE I. The name of this Association shall be "The Pine Barren Baptist Association. Its object shall be to strengthen the bond of union among the churches, provoke one another to love and good works, consult together in regard to the interests of all, assist the more feeble ones, and co-operate in efforts to promote the glory of God, our Savior, in the enlargement of his kingdom and salvation of perishing sinners.

II. The members shall be such Baptist Churches as by letter and messengers are represented in this meeting, and such others as shall hereafter be received into union. An annual meeting shall be held at such time as shall be agreed upon at her first session, and at such place as shall annually, in advance, be appointed ; which meeting shall be compesed of messengers

duly appointed and certified by the churches in the ratio of two for every church having fifty or less members, and one for every additional twenty-five.

III. The officers shall be a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall severally be elected by ballot at each annual meeting. The Moderator shall preside at the annual meetings, see that the Constitution and Rules of Decorum be respected, be a judge of and preserve order ; state all questions to be acted on, and take and announce the votes. The Clerk shall record the proceedings of the meeting, safely keep the records and a file of the minutes, and perform such other duties appertaining to his office as shall be required, for which he shall be allowed a reasonable compensation. The Treasurer shall safely keep, and pay out or deliver to the order of the Association or Board of Managers all cash or other valuable assets, and shall, at each annual meeting, render to the Association a circumstantial and faithful account of his receipts and disbursements.

IV. There shall be annually chosen five members to constitute a Board of Managers for the management of all business of the Association, three of which shall be a quorum. They may ordain their own rules of order, not incompatable with this Constitution, and they shall fully report their actions to the Association.

V. Neither the Association, the Board of Managers, nor any other person acting for and in her name, or by her authority, shall create any debt whatever, without having cash or any other reliable means in hand to liquidate the same at maturity.

VI. Each church shall annually send to the Association a letter by her messengers containing a statistical account of her membership, &c., and such other items of intelligence as she may deem of general interest. A church failing to represent herself, either by letter or messenger, shall, the next session, assign the reason of such failure ; if she fails two consecutive sessions, the Association shall appoint a committee with instructions to visit her, inquire into the cause, if need be, labor with her on the subject, and report to the Association, who may, at her discretion, drop said church from the list of her membership.

VII. The Association may dissolve her connection with any church of her body that violates the provisions of this Constitution ; that embraces or sanctions heretical doctrines, or refuses to exercise a wholesome, spiritual discipline upon her members when necessary.

VIII. All funds raised for the use of, or to be disbursed by this Association, whether by churches or individuals, shall be at the free will of the contributor, and the minutes printed shall be distributed in proportion to the funds contributed by each church for that purpose.

IX. A majority of the messengers present shall form a quorum and the vote of a majority shall, in all cases govern the body, excepting in the case otherwise provided for in the XIIIth Article of this Constitution.

X. The Association may ordain rules of decorum or by-laws for her government in the transaction of business, provided they shall not contravene any provision of this constitution.

XI. This Association is simply an advisory council, the creature of the churches, and disclaiming all right to legislate for, or dictate to them ; regarding every regularly organized gospel church as absolutely independent of all ecclesiastical tribunals, competent to transact her own business, from whose decision there is no appeal. Nevertheless, by the laws of gospel courtesy, she is bound to give respectful consideration to the advice or remonstrance of sister churches, or bodies of brethren, with whom she holds fellowship or co-operates.

XII. The Association shall not adjourn a session until all business in

hand shall have been disposed of, the minutes read and adopted, without the consent of the body.

XIII. Hereafter all propositions to amend or revise the Constitution of this body shall be submitted in writing, and if approved by a majority, shall lay over until our next annual meeting, when, if approved of by two thirds of the delegates, shall be so amended or revised.

XIV. Any church in our union having a member who is judged to possess promising talents for the ministry, shall call from two or more churches to aid their ministers and select members of the laity, who, in conjunction with the church, shall examine the candidate, and if deemed qualified, may license him to preach the gospel among the churches at discretion, which shall be reported to the Association and entered on the minutes.

XV. Any church in our union having a preacher whom she deems worthy of ordination, shall call a presbytery of ministers, from sister churches to officiate in the work ; and all presbyters in the ordaining of ministers and deacons, or in the constituting of churches, shall be governed by the Articles of Faith adopted by this Association.

XVI. Any church in our union having a minister who may have fallen into disorder, if, after all due labor with him, he should continue refractory and the church consider him a fit subject for excommunication, shall have power to exclude him from fellowship and demand his credentials. If such a minister return and give satisfaction, the church shall have power to restore him to fellowship, as a private member, but if she wish him restored to the exercise of his ministerial functions, she shall again call a presbytery, who shall be discretionally authorized to renew his credentials, which, if renewed, shall be reported to the next meeting of the Association, and entered on the minutes.

XVII. It will be expected of newly constituted churches proposing to become members of this Association, that they will have present at their Constitution, two or more ordained ministers of our denomination; as many of the nearest churches as conveniently can, by their ministers and deacons, or other members, giving their approbation.

ARTICLES OF FAITH OF THE PINE BARREN ASSOCIATION

I. We believe the Holy Bible was written by men divinely inspired, and is a perfect treasure of Heavenly instruction—that it has God for its author, salvation for its end, and truth without mixture of error for its matter—that it reveals the principles by which God will judge us, and therefore is, and shall remain to the end of time the true center of Christian union, and the supreme standard by which all human conduct, creeds and opinions shall be tried.

2. That there is one, and only one true and living God, whose name is Jehovah, the Maker and Supreme ruler of Heaven and earth, unexpressibly glorious in holiness, worthy of all possible honor, confidence, and love, revealed under the personal and relative distinctions of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, equal in every divine perfection, and executing distinct but harmonious offices in the great work of redemption.

3. That man was created in a state of holiness under the law of his Maker, by voluntary transgression fell from that holy and happy state, in consequence of which all mankind are now sinners, not by constraint but choice, being by nature utterly void of that holiness required by the law of God, wholly given to the gratification of the world, satan, and their own sinful passions, and therefore under just condemnation to eternal ruin without defense or excuse.

4. That the salvation of sinners is wholly of grace through the media-

torial offices of the Son of God, who took upon him our nature, yet without sin, honored by the law by his personal obedience. and made atonement for our sins by his death, being risen from the dead, he is now enthroned in heaven, and uniting in his wonderful person the tenderest sympathies, with divine perfection, is every way qualified to be a suitable, a compasionate and all sufficient Savior.

5. That the great gospel blessing which Christ of his fullness, bestows on such as believe on Him, is justification ; that justification consists in the pardon of sin, and the promise of eternal life on principles of righteousness, that it brings us into a state of most blessed peace and favor with God, and secures every other spiritual blessing needful for time and eternity.

6. That the blessings of salvation are made free to all by the gospel, that it is the immediate duty of all to accept them, by a cordial and obedient faith, and that nothing prevents the salvation of the greatest sinner on earth but his own voluntary refusal to submit to the Lord Jesus Christ, which refusal will subject him to an aggrevated condemnation.

7. That in order to be saved, we must be regenerated or born again ; that regeneration consists in giving a holy disposition to the mind, and is effected in a manner above our comprehension or calculation, by the power of the Holy Ghost, so as to secure our voluntary obedience to the gospel and that its proper evidence is found in the holy fruits that we bring forth to the glory of God.

8. That election is God's gracious choice of his people, according to his eternal purpose to save sinners : that being perfectly consistent with the free agency of man, it comprehends all the means in connection with the end, that it is a most glorious display of God's sovereign goodness, being infinitely wise, holy and unchangeable ; that it encourages the use of means in the highest degree ; that it is ascertained by its effects in all who believe the gospel, is the foundation of christian assurance, and that to ascertian with regard to ourselves demands and deserves our utmost diligence.

9. That such only are real believers as endure unto the end ; that their persevering attachment to Christ is the grand work which distinguishes them from superficial professors, that a special providence watches over their welfare, and they are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

10. That the law of God is the eternal and unchangeable rule of his moral government that it is holy, just and good, and that the inability which the scriptures ascribe to fallen man to fulfill its precepts, arises entirely from their love of sin, to deliver them from which, and to restore them, through a Mediator, to unfeigned obedience to the holy law, is one great end of the gospel and of the means of grace connected with the establishment of this visible church.

11. That a visible church of Christ is a congregation of baptised believes, associated by covenant in the faith and fellowship of the gospel ; observing the ordinances of Christ, governed by his laws, and exercising the gifts, rights and priviledges in them by his word, that its only proper officers are bishops or pastors, and deacons, whose qualifications, claims and duties are defined in the Epestles to Titus and Timothy.

12. That Christian baptism is the emersion of a believer in water, in the name of the Father Son and Holy Ghost, to show forth in a solemn and beautiful emblem our faith in a crucified, buried and risen Saviour; that it is prerequisite to the privileges of a church relation, and to the Lord's supper, in which the members of the church by the use of bread and wine are to commemorate together the dying love of Christ, preceded always by solemn self-examination.

13. That the first day of the week is the Lord's day, and is to be kept sa-

cred to religious purposes by abstaining from all secular labor and recreation, by the devout observance of all the means of grace, both public and private, and by preparation for that rest which remaineth for the people of God.

14. That civil government is of divine appointment for the interests and good order of human society, and that magistrates are to be prayed for conscientiously honored, except in things opposed to the will of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is the only Lord of the conscience and prince of the kings of the earth.

15. That there is a radical and essential difference between the righteous and the wicked; that such only as through faith are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and sanctified by the Spirit of our God, are truly righteous in his esteem, while all such as continue in impenitence and unbelief are in His sight wicked and under the curse, and this distinction will hold among men both in time end eternity.

16. That the end of the world is approaching, that at the last day Christ will descend from Heaven and raise the dead from the grave to final retribution, that a solemn separation will then take place, that the wicked will be adjudged to endless punishment, and the righteous to endless joy, and that this judgment will fix forever the final state of men in Heaven or hell on principles of righteousness.

RULES OF ORDER.

1. The Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.

2. The Moderator shall be considered as judge of order, and shall have discretionary power to call to order at any time, and perform such other duties as his office may require.

3. Any member dissatisfied with his decision, may appeal to the Association on the same day.

4. The Clerk shall keep a record of transactions, call the roll, and attend to such other duties as his office may require.

5. All the members shall have an equal right to submit, explain and defend propositions, but no one shall be allowed to indulge in personal reflections in debate.

6. But one member shall be permitted to speak at once, who shall rise to his feet and obtain leave of the Moderator, and he shall not be interrupted while speaking, unless he shall violate a rule of order.

7. The Moderator, when addressed by a member for permission to speak, shall signify the same. He shall have the same privilege as any other member of submitting, or speaking to any proposition by calling another member to his seat while speaking, but not of voting, unless the Association be equally divided.

8. No member shall decline voting on any question, unless excused by the Association, and silent members should be regarded as acquiescing with the majority, unless they have been excused.

9. There shall be but one question before the body at once, which shall be introduced by motion and second (in writing, if required) and announced by the Moderator as ready for discussion, and it shall be decided, laid on the table, or withdrawn, before another is introduced.

10. No member shall speak more than twice on any question without obtaining leave, nor more than once until every other member wishing to speak shall have spoken.

11. Sufficient time shall be given for discussing every question introduc-

ed, after which the Moderator shall put the question to vote, and announce the decision.

12. The appellation of Brother shall be used by the members while in session, and no member shall be tolerated in any practice which tends to interrupt public speaking.

13. The roll shall be called as often as the Association may desire.

14. Any member wishing to leave shall obtain permission of the Moderator.

15. If any member of the Association leaves before the adjournment of the body, his name shall not appear in the list of delegates, unless he shall first obtain leave of absence from the Association.

16. Any member violating these rules, shall be reproved by the Moderator at discretion, on the day the breach shall have been made.

FINANCIAL TABLE FOR PINE BARREN ASS

Churches.	Minutes.	Home Missions.		Foreign Missions.		State Missions.		Ministerial Education	
	Cash.	Cash	V'rs	Cash	V'rs	Cash.	V'rs	Cash.	V'r
Ackerville	80	4 65	7 40		8 30		4 65		10
Allenton	1 80		6 50		5 00		13 00		10
Bear Creek	1 50	1 00		1 50		5 50			2 50
Bell's Landing	1 10	6 00							
Bethsaida	3 30		31 60	15 00	7 00		42 20		39 00
Butler Springs	75	1 25		1 25		1 25		1 25	
Camden	1 50	2 75			2 75	15 00			7 50
Centennial	25			50					
Concord	2 40	4 40	3 00	14 80	6 40	4 45	2 45		10 00
Ebenezer	1 50	5 00		5 00		15 00		5 00	
Enon	1 25			5 00					5 00
Fellowship	1 00	1 00		1 00		7 00		3 00	
Flat Creek	75			5 75		5 00		3 00	
Friendship	2 50	4 15	13 00		13 00		19 75		15 00
Gravel Creek	75	1 00		1 00		3 00			
Indian Springs	2 00	3 00		4 00		3 00			
Liberty	60						6 85		
Mt. Pisgah	1 10	2 75		2 72			3 50		
Mt. Pleasant	1 00	2 00		2 00		2 00			
Monterey	1 50	2 00		2 00		6 00			
New Providence	1 50			6 00		6 25		5 00	
New Hope	1 20			8 00					2 00
Pineville	2 00	5 25		5 25		5 00		5 00	
Pine Level	1 50			2 50		2 50			
Rock West	1 00				4 00		2 40	5 00	
Shackleville	1 25			2 50		2 00			
Mrs C W Ausly									50
Rose Bud Society									00
Cash	5 90	10 00		10 00		30 00			
Totals	41 00	56 20	61 50	95 80	46 45	112 95	94 80	27 25	10

5 00	1 00	4 25	13 85	3	

TABLE FOR PINE BARREN ASSOCIATION, 1887.

		Clerks.	Post Offices	Baptised	Received by letter	Restored	Dismissed by letter	Excluded	Dead	Total Membership	Day of Meeting	Number last Reported	S. S. Teachers	S. S. Pupils
		W A J Albritton jr	Snow Hill	1	1					87	2		3	15
		W M Fitzgerald	Allenton		1	2	3		1	44	4		9	45
		D P Watts	Pine Apple	3	2			1	1	92	1		4	28
		O H Spencer								13	4			
												130		
	Curry	B W Watson	Furman	6	10	2	14	2	3	158	1-3		11	90
		J P Vickery	Butler Springs	8	7					27			4	30
	Hunter	J N Holcombe	Camden		2		5			38	2-4		5	43
	Cree	A J Morris	River Ridge	1		1			1	33	3			
	W Ramsey	J J Finklea	Buena Vista	6	2		11	1	3	127	4		3	30
												53		
	C Lloyd	J T Moncrief	Forest Home	15	8	1	14	1	1	111	2		5	50
	M Parker	J E Burson	Fatama					2	1	113	3			
									1	26				
										24				
	D W Ramsey	A B Gaston	Pine Apple	25	9	3	14			175	1-3		7	65
												92		
	A P Majors	C C Sellers	Camden	1	1		4	1		18	3		2	12
	A P Majors	J E Fore	Mims	20	1	2	2		1	82	2			52
		Madison Creamer	Commerce	8	1				1	97				
	S Moore	C C Thompson	Monterey	23	9					75	4			
	S Moore	J B Coleman	Pine Apple	3	1	1	2	2		124	2			
	A T Sims	R S Pound	Starlington	9	2		12	2	2	78	1			
												33		
	A P Majors	H O'Gwyn	Fork				2		2	42	4			
	A A Sims	T S Packer	Nellis				3		1	37	4			
	J F Bruner	W B Taylor	Greenville	1	1			1		45	3			
	B J Skinner	Wm Ivey	Fork	4	1	4	4	1		58	1		4	65
	R M Hunter	J Eades Gullett	Camden	6	4		5			67	1-3		5	25
	L B Cobb	G W Saucer	Greenville	2	3	2		3		52	3			
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